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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice set forth under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below:

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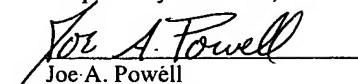
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It is respectfully requested that the foregoing information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with an indication that such information has been considered.

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